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THE COLLEGE OF HAWAII.

The catalogue of the College of Hawaii is out and copies will be sent to those who request them. It is a document worth reading over for the proof it gives that a really liberal education may be had here at home—a fact too much overlooked because the impression still prevails that the college is simply a school of agriculture and mechanic arts. It is all that, but more. What instruction in those subjects is required by the terms of the Federal and Territorial grants is fully and ably given; but the College of Hawaii is what its name implies, an institution higher than any other in the Territory, where work in language, literature, science, engineering, and in all that is meant by the phrase "liberal arts" may also be undertaken, the courses leading to degrees. Whoever graduates from the College of Hawaii will have sound armor for the battle.

One of the ideas of the President of the College, Professor Gilmore, is not only to equip the young men and women of Hawaii with education, but to find work in the Territory for them afterward. He could have placed several graduates this year, especially graduates in mechanic arts and in the chemistry course, if he had possessed any; but the college is just beginning and its first commencement has not come, nor can it come until the college is old enough to have a senior class.

In preparing island youth to take advantage of the opportunities at home, the College of Hawaii is an institution of more than ordinary value. This Territory is always in need of trained service. Expanding agriculture, expanding commerce, a political situation which calls for men of high ideals, ministries of every kind, the working out of our complicated island problems—all these things call for men who know how, the better if they are of the manor born or bred. The College of Hawaii means to supply its share of such helpers; it is equipped for the work and its staff of professors is devoted to the task. That these facts have not had full recognition is natural enough; but the entering class the coming fall ought to show that public appreciation of Hawaii's highest institution of learning is gaining ground.

KEIKICHI ISHIDA'S LETTER.

Most of our readers probably read with interest Mr. Keikichi Ishida's letter entitled "From a Japanese Standpoint," published in yesterday's issue. It will be noted that the letter in question was intended for a reply to our editorial, "Responsibility for the Strike," appearing in this paper July 6th. Mr. Ishida's letter, however, fails absolutely to deal with the main point of that editorial, to wit:

"The tacit, if not open, assent of the Japanese merchants to the wholesale system of coercion and intimidation that has been the controlling characteristic of this strike from start to finish." Mr. Ishida evidently does not care to discuss that issue, but it appears, since Mr. Ishida's letter was written, he will have to discuss it at least with the court, for he is one of the thirty odd defendants in the injunction suit brought by the Oahu Sugar Company, and under these circumstances, perhaps, it will be more polite not to press Mr. Ishida un- cles on that point, but to leave him to the consideration of the court.

But there are several other phases of Mr. Ishida's letter that tempt us to say more. In closing, he declares that "It is true that the Japanese merchants of Honolulu are all in favor of the principle of higher wages." We agree absolutely with Mr. Ishida. The point of difference between us will probably be as to who shall pay the higher wages. If there has been any fervent move among the Japanese merchants of Honolulu to pay their own employees higher wages, we have failed to note it, and yet with the fat pocketbooks owned by many of them, and employing, as they do, numbers of Japanese laborers, we see no reason why the door is not open wide for these gentlemen to apply their principle at once. But if, as we premise, the Japanese merchants in question and their champion, Mr. Ishida, in advocating higher wages, mean higher wages to be paid out of the pockets of their white brethren, then Mr. Ishida and his associates should not be surprised that their enthusiasm is not appreciated as much as it might be if they had proposed to contribute substantially to these higher wages themselves. In their plan a large part of the higher wages to be paid by the plantations will find its way into the merchants' pockets.

MAY DESTROY THE MELON FLY.

Time was when Hawaii had finer muskmelons than California and an abundance of the crisp, hard cucumbers which delight the palate of the Eastern-born. But the melon fly came and destroyed them all. In its presence vines withered, leaves crumbled and fruit rotted; and there was nothing to do but to grin and bear it, for the various washes and insect powders availed nothing. All this happened fifteen years ago, and since then Hawaii has imported the most of her cantaloupes and put up with the pulpy and flavorless cucumbers raised by the Chinese.

It was known, however, that a deadly foe to the melon fly lived in a far part of India, but the trouble and expense of getting the parasite here were too much to take on. The parasite could not be transported overseas in an icebox as some of its distant kindred had been. It was weak and short of life and the only way to get it to the coast of India was by short migrations from one orchard or garden to another—a few hundred miles apart. To carry the parasite from India to Hawaii meant next a voyage to Australia and domestication in one garden after another there until Sydney was reached; then the tremendous risks of the long sea trip to Honolulu. Efforts to compass all this were made some years ago, but they were failures. Now, it seems, the government has secured a few parasites and the result may be all that the most sanguine have predicted. At any rate let us hope the time may not be distant when the luscious cantaloupes at the old price of six for a quarter and the toothsome cucumbers at an even lower price will return to the Hawaiian markets. The government has done its part; the rest is up to the fly-killer.

TAFT AND HAWAII'S STATUS.

A report via Manila that President Taft will ask Congress to create a Colonial Department of the Federal government to look after dependencies and, possibly, outlying Territories, accords with his well-known views, but does not necessarily mean any change in the organic status of Hawaii, however much it may affect the anomalous status of Alaska.

At present Hawaii answers to the beck and call of the Interior Department; and we do not see that a change in the relation to a Colonial Department would hurt it. Indeed, the new plan might have advantages. The Interior Department, with a mainland empire to look after, has little time to give to the concerns of Hawaii. We are a side issue and a very minor one at that. But under Insular or Colonial supervision the Territory would loom up. It could be seen and heard. Its interests would be prominent on the memorandum slate of the Insular Secretary and would be looked after by the administration as never before. The work of representing it at the centers of authority would not devolve upon its own delegate or citizens alone; it would have the aid of a powerful and interested friend in the charmed circle. All this seems well worth while from the standpoint of enlightened self-interest.

Here, as on the mainland coasts, amateur wireless operators delight in confusing business and news aerograms with dots and dashes of their own. More than once these mischief-makers have made trouble, and there is danger, if they are permitted to keep on, that they will one day spoil signals from a ship in distress. The necessity suggests itself of either licensing the wireless business in a way to make mere amateur devices too expensive to keep up, or of forbidding any but authorized and regulated companies to use the wireless, or to give the government the same complete monopoly in the aerographic field that it enjoys in the transportation of mail matter. The latter course would be taken in war-time in any event.

The Makino party gets cold comfort from the home press, especially from the government organ, which bases its distrust of the leader on the ground that it knows him.

Hawaii ought to be still as good a place as the government took it to be a few years ago, for the maneuvers of the Pacific fleet.

The tariff won't be changed greatly, but it remains to be seen whether as much can be said about the party majorities.

There are more lyin' stories from the Roosevelt trail.

By the way: What about the Nuuanu dam?

ALFRED COOPER ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

A change was yesterday recorded in the membership of the Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange when, at a meeting held immediately after the regular session, Alfred D. Cooper was elected a member in the place of F. M. Lewis, resigned.

As a matter of fact Mr. Lewis had contracted to sell his seat some time ago, but it was not until Mr. Cooper made formal application for membership about a week ago, that the identity of the purchaser became generally known. It is said that the consideration paid was \$3500 which, with the dividend of \$1500 received by each member upon the recent distribution of a fund belonging to the Exchange, would bring the price up to \$5000, this being approximately the figure of the last previous sale.

Mr. Cooper has just concluded a term of six years' service in the Banking House of Bishop & Company and the Bishop Trust Company and is now about to carry on business under his own name. It is rumored that he is to be an officer in a corporation which will shortly be organized but he states that, while such a project has been under consideration, no definite steps have as yet been taken with this end in view, nor is it probable that anything of this nature will be done in the immediate future.

Pending the selection of a permanent location, Mr. Cooper has opened an office on the third floor of the Judd building, a few doors from the Stock Exchange.

DR. GREEN WILL SPEAK AGAIN

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Those who made the request of Dr. Green include Governor W. F. Frear, P. C. Jones, G. R. Castle, Richard H. Trent, W. W. Hall, W. O. Smith, L. Tenney Peck, M. P. Robinson, George Davies, S. M. Damon, F. J. Lowrey, Alexander Young. On June 22, Secretary H. P. Wood of the Hawaii Promotion Committee wrote Dr. Green as follows:

"At the last meeting of the members of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, the hope was expressed that, during your enforced stay in Honolulu, you might favor our people with one of your interesting lectures. Trusting that you may find it convenient to do so and believing that our Opera House will be filled for the occasion, I remain, etc."

Dr. Green yesterday replied: "I have your kind letter, containing the request of your Promotion Committee that I deliver a lecture before I leave Honolulu. I appreciate the compliment that the request contains, and shall be very glad to comply with it, being governed, of course, by any arrangements that may be locally made."

Of this lecture the Cincinnati Enquirer said: "It is a bugle note for what should be an exterminating war against shams." The Providence Journal called it "a masterpiece alike in method and matter." The Toledo Blade said it was "one of the greatest and most practical addresses ever given in Toledo."

Those who heard Dr. Green at Central Union church and at the patriotic celebration the following morning felt themselves fortunate in listening to him.

The Saturday evening address will begin at 8:15. Mr. Adams of the Bergstrom Music Company is handling all arrangements and tickets can be obtained at Bergstrom's after 10 this morning.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Editor Advertiser:—It is only just to the boat load of young people and children who met with the accident off the shores of Molokai to say in their behalf that the accident occurred on Friday, July 2, and not on Sunday, July 4. Any articles of wearing apparel suitable for boys or girls between the ages of ten and fifteen, that are contributed by generous people of this city, will be forwarded if left with the writer, corner Alakea and Merchant streets.

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